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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: JAMES MICHAEL MARSHALL, BPR #018784
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MAURY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

Effective October 30, 2024, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended James Michael Marshall from the practice of law for five (5) years, with four (4) years being as active suspension pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2. Mr. Marshall may apply for reinstatement at the end of the four (4) year active suspension, and if granted, he shall serve the remainder of the five (5) year suspension on probation with the requirement of a practice monitor.

A Petition for Discipline containing one complaint was filed by the Board alleging Mr. Marshall failed to reasonably communicate with his client regarding the status of their case, failed to act in a diligent manner, failed to expedite litigation, failed to pursue in a timely fashion the objectives of his client, failed to communicate with his client that he accepted new employment, failed to place client funds into trust, failed to properly withdraw from representation, and failed to take reasonable steps to protect the client's interest after terminating the representation. A Hearing Panel found the conduct of Mr. Marshall violated Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a) (scope of representation), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds), 1.16(c) (declining or terminating representation), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and 8.4(a) (misconduct).

Mr. Marshall must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

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